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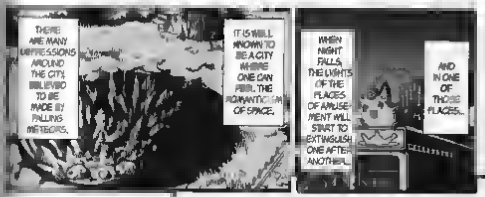
THERE ARE MANY IMPRESSIONS AROUND THE CITY, BELIEVED TO BE MADE BY FALLING METEORS.
IT IS WELL KNOWN TO BE A CITY WHERE ONE CAN FEEL THE ROMANTICISM OF SPACE.
WHEN NIGHT FALLS, THE LIGHTS OF THE PLACES OF AMUSEMENT WILL START TO EXTINGUISH ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
AND IN ONE OF THOSE PLACES...

YOU'RE STEALING THE POKÉDEX I'M TRYING TO RETRIEVE!
WHO...?!
APPEAR
SO THIS THING IS CALLED...
A "POKÉDEX"?

MY, THIS THING IS AMAZING!
IT CONTAINS SUCH DETAILED INFO ABOUT POKÉMON!

POKÉMON ECOLOGY, DISTRIBUTION, SIZE, SOUND... IT EVEN SHOWS THE SKILLS THE POKÉMON CAN LEARN, ITS CONDITION AND ABILITY!
I'D COME HERE OCCASIONALLY BECAUSE THE GAME CORNER PATRONS DROP SOME REALLY GOOD STUFF ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT WOW...
...THIS FIND TODAY IS EXCEPTIONALLY SUPERB!

GIVE IT BACK -!!
YOU CAN'T?! THAT'S THE ITEM I'M HERE TO RETRIEVE!!
IT BELONGS TO AN IMPORTANT FRIEND OF MINE!!

YOU WANT ME TO RETURN THIS TO YOU?
WELL...

I REFUSE.
THWIP
GIBLE! "DRAGON RUSH"!!!
LAX!!!
BAM
WHUMP
ROLL
THIS STORE-ROOM IS MINE!
THEREFORE EVERYTHING IN THE STOREROOM BELONGS TO ME!

NOW, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE YOU FORGET EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED HERE BY GIVING YOU A LITTLE PUNISHMENT...
STEP
WHOAAH!
SLIP!
DROP
THANK GOODNESS LAX WAS SECRETLY CARRYING "BERRIES" AROUND!
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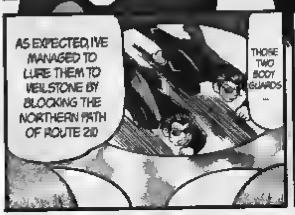
WHA, THE NERVE OF THAT...!!
AFTER HIM!!

WHAT?!
YOU WERE DOING BATTLE WITH A CUSTOMER OVER A LOST ITEM IN THE STOREROOM?!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? IF IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH MY MISSION, DON'T BOTHER REPORTING IT TO ME, IDIOT!!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOSE TWO...!!


AS EXPECTED, I'VE MANAGED TO LURE THEM TO VEILSTONE BY BLOCKING THE NORTHERN PATH OF ROUTE 210
THOSE TWO BODY GUARDS...

...WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO PROTECT THE HEIRESS OF THE WEALTHIEST FAMILY IN SINNOH!
LISTEN UP, YOU LOT!

MERELY FORCING THEM TO REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE "LADY" WON'T BE ENOUGH TO APPEASE ME!
ONCE THEY ENTER THE MAIN STREET, SWITCH OFF ALL THE LIGHTS ALONG THE ROAD...
...AND MAKE USE OF THE DARKNESS TO GIVE 'EM A THRASHING THEY'LL NEVER FORGET!

IT'S ALREADY MIDNIGHT...

...YOU'VE DEFEATED MARLENE AND DIA HAS FOUND THE POKÉDEX YOU'D LOST... SO NOW WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MEET UP WITH HIM AGAIN.
IN ANY CASE, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY WE'VE MANAGED TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO IN THIS TOWN!

LET ME SEE... I THINK THE LOST AND FOUND STOREROOM IS IN A DIFFERENT PLACE FROM THE GAME CORNER...
HMM? WHAT'S THE MATTER, INSEI?

WELL, EVERYTHING DID TURN OUT WELL IN THE END, BUT...
...I'M SIMPLY BEWILDERED BY MY NEGLIGENCE! HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO CARELESS AS TO MISPLACE MY POKÉDEX?

IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS CONCENTRATING ON MY TRAINING... BUT THE POKÉDEX IS AN INVALUABLE TOOL THAT IS SUPPOSED TO HELP ACCUMULATE DATA FOR AN IMPORTANT RESEARCH!!
OH...
RESEARCH ON BEING A TOUR GUIDE?
BUT IT'S TRUE...
THAT SEEMS PRETTY SIMPLE! GADGET COMES TO THINK...
IT RETRIEVES AND DISPLAYS INFORMATION ABOUT A POKÉMON'S ECOLOGY IN AN INSTANT.
I'VE BEEN USING THIS SOMEHOW EVER SINCE RECEIVING IT AT JUBILIFE, BUT...
...ANY TOUR AGENCY THAT LETS THEIR GUIDES USE A GADGET LIKE THIS HAS GOT TO BE PRETTY SPECIAL.
LIKE THAT STARLY AND LUXIO WE MET AT THE START OF OUR TRIP...
BUT THEN AGAIN...
...THERE WERE TIMES WHEN WE DID RUMP INTO POKÉMON THAT THE POKÉDEX HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT.
...AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE NAMES OF THOSE TWO POKÉMON WE SAW AT MT CORONET!
WAH THE DISCREPANCY, I WONDER.
FLURRY
FLURRY
FLURRY
HUH?
WHAT IN THE WORLD?! THE STREET LIGHTS JUST WENT OUT! IT'S PITCH DARK!!

DON'T TELL ME ALL THE LIGHTS NEARE SWITCHED OFF AFTER MIDNIGHT?!
I CAN'T SEE A THING... MISSY? MISSY?!
I'M OVER HERE...
MISSY?!
HMPH. ?!
MISSY?!
WHOA, WHAT'S WRONG ?!
OH NO. !!
I'VE COMPLETELY ...
LOST HER IN THE DARK!!!

PLEASE FORGIVE US FOR BEING SO ROUGH ON YOU.
WE'VE FINALLY MET OUR CLIENT, UJI!
THAT'S RIGHT, PAKA!
CLISP
I PANICKED WHEN ALL THE STREET LIGHTS WENT OUT, BUT...
...SINCE WE WERE ABLE TO RESCUE OUR CLIENT, BECAUSE OF THAT...
!!!
PAKA! IT'S THE SAVE ORGANIZATION WE BUMPED INTO AT THE LOST TOWER!
I EXPECTED THIS! THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LET US GET OUR WAY SO EASILY!
LET'S GET OUT THERE AND BATTLE THEM, UJI!
OKAY, PAKA!!
BY THE WAY, WHAT BUILDING ARE WE IN?
VOLSTONE DEPARTMENT STORE
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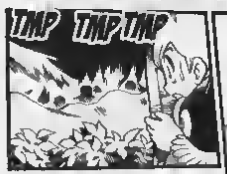
2F
ALL RIGHT! THAT MEANS NOBODY WILL BE COMING HERE UNTIL THE MORNING!
WE'LL HIDE OUR CLIENT IN HERE FOR NOW...
...AND COME RETRIEVE HER LATER.
ALSO...
...WE SHALL NOW ACT AS HER BODY GUARDS...
...FOR THE REST OF HER JOURNEY TO MT. CORONET!
THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN!
SWISH

BOOM
BOOM
SMASH

THAT IS QUITE AN ARMY! THEY'RE SENT AGAINST US
YEAH! AND THEY SEEM COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE!

IT'S LIKE THEY KNOW THIS WHOLE AREA INSIDE OUT!
THIS TOWN MUST BE WHERE THEIR HEADQUARTERS IS!!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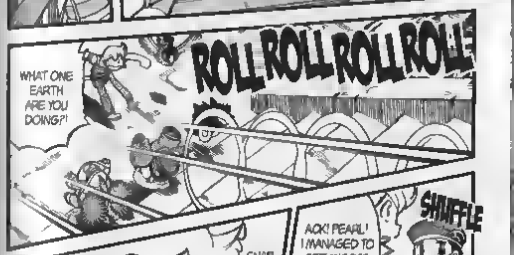
AFTER MY EYES HAVE FINALLY ADJUSTED TO THE DARKNESS, I SEE THIS!!
MISTY'S DISAPPEARED, AND PEOPLE ARE BRAWLING IN THE STREETS. GEEZ, WHAT'S THIS TOWN COMING TO?!

WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...

SLAM
DIA?!


ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL
WHAT ONE EARTH ARE YOU DOING?!

SHUFFLE
AOK! PEARL! I MANAGED TO GET MISSY'S POKÉDEX BACK, BUT...
SNAP OUTTA IT!!
WE'RE WRESTLING FOR THE POKÉDEX--!
I'M TAKING A ROYAL RUMBLE AND TUMBLE FOR THE POKÉDEX...
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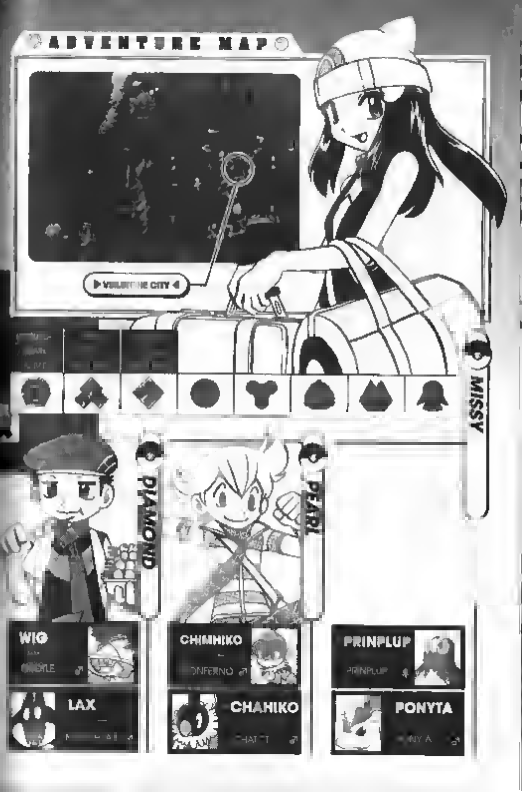
STOMP
WAAAH! HERE THEY COME!!
WIG!
LAX!
CHAHH!!
CHAHH!!
TMP TMP TMP
?!
HAKA! THE PEOPLE OVER THERE...
ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THE SAME GROUP OF PEOPLE WE ARE!
WHAT'S MORE, THOSE TWO...
AREN'T THEY THE BOYS WHO WERE TRAVELING TOGETHER WITH OUR CLIENT AFTER STEALING HER AWAY FROM US?!
WHY ?!
INCH
INCH
THEY'RE NOT COMMANDERS OF THIS ARMY, THEN?!
BUMP

I THOUGHT I'D SEE IN YOU GUYS BEFORE!
YOU WERE THE ONES CHASING US WHEN WE CAME OUT OF HEARTHOME FIGHT?
WHAT, DID THOSE CONTEST MADAMS EMPLOY YOU TO HARASS US AGAIN?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU TWO WERE THE ONES LEADING OUR CLIENT AROUND BY THE NOSE ALL THIS TIME!!

???
"OUR CLIENT"?
...WAIT, YOU MEAN OUR TOUR GUIDE, MISSY? WHAT DID SHE EMPLOY YOU GUYS TO DO?
TOUR GUIDE?!
WAIT A SECOND! I DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING!
WHAAAAT?!
SHE HAPPENS TO BE THE HEIRESS TO THE BERLITZ FAMILY, THE WEALTHIEST FAMILY IN SINNOH!
AND WE ARE HER BODYGUARDS WHO HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED TO PROTECT HER!


ADVENTURE MAP
VALENTINE CITY
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
WIG
LAX
CHIMHIKO
CHAMIKO
PRINPLUP
PONYTA